



Service for the Lord's Day

September 20, 2026 10:30am

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

GATHERING HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit (*st. 1*)

No. 300

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; (2x)

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(*inspired by Psalm 145:1-8*)

Alicia and Alric Villanueva,

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

liturgists

God's greatness is unsearchable.

From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

*HYMN OF PRAISE

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

No. 624

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response**

We Are One in the Spirit (st. 4)

No. 300

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one;

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love....

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share greetings and signs of Christ's peace with those seated around you.

During this time the young (and young at heart!) are invited to come forward to sit in the front row of chairs by the piano in preparation for the Time with Children.

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 15: 1-13

NRSVue

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Boundaries of Our Welcome

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Help Us Accept Each Other

No. 754

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

You are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to “LPC”) in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. (Note - this QR code does NOT work in Venmo/Paypal or any other third party app.) You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts¹ as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

¹ When saying the Lord’s Prayer, some prefer to use the words “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” or “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Please pray as you feel led.

GO

*SENDING HYMN Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song No. 285

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Sung response Blest Be the Tie That Binds No. 306

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

POSTLUDE

Following worship, all are invited to share refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall!

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Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.

*We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.  
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in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,  
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ  
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

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